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Government forces in Quang Nam and Binh Dinh provinces are continuing to push the communists back from areas recently gained. In both provinces, the communists have been forced to limit their military action to shellings and most of the ongoing fighting is at government initiative. In Quang Ngai Province, however, the redeployment of some government regulars to Quang Nam has given the communists the opportunity to strike at the relatively ineffective territorial forces with increasing success. Although the communists have not made major terri-

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torial gains, they have seriously set back the government pacification program in Quang Ngai.